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Feb, 2021 HiFi.nl (NL) - 4.5/5.0 Stars



A total of 5-pages of coverage with the title 'Classic Hi-Fi in a New Retro Jacket'. LEAK had not existed for a long time, but now this quite iconic brand is back on the market. Not with what the crazy-gives high end price tags, but affordable and with some interesting contemporary features gadgets...

The LEAK Stereo 130 and the CDT CD transport form one classic looking but completely perform contemporary standards for a surprising affordable price... one set that in combination with the right one speakers will be the stars of heaven while playing... The LEAK CDT works fast and smooth, actually runs dead quiet and ensures in combination with the converter in the Stereo 130 for a catchy, spatial and lightfooted rendering... The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is both sweet to see and to hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers sufficient digital and analogue connectivity including Bluetooth. Don't be fooled by the compact dimensions, this spicy performing set has it all just like its illustrious predecessor one become a true retro classic.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNDUK2pgq8rbMv4YDYGIINksg?e=J7fInV>

Dec, 2020 SUONO Magazine (IT)



The appearance is however very pleasant and the quality of the realisation is excellent, with a feeling of robustness transmitted by the commands to the remarkable users... Defects? We have not found any... LEAK also excel compared to established standards... in terms of versatility... in terms of design choices... But if tradition and the iconic effect come into play, the two new Leaks beat everyone hands down!

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Dec, 2020 Hifi.nl (NL)

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The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is a treat to see and hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers plenty of digital and analog connectivity options including Bluetooth. As icing on the cake, he has an excellent MM phono stage on board... this snappy performing set [with CDT] has what it takes to become a true retro classic just like its illustrious predecessor.

<https://hifi.nl/artikel/29525/Review-LEAK-Stereo-130-en-CDT-klasse-hifi-in-retro-klasje.html>

Nov, 2020 Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE)

Frankfurter Allgemeine

[LEAK] with English roots are reflecting on the glamor of the HiFi early days. With considerable success... Simply beautiful would be a short answer... If we take another look at the prices after these experiences, the following applies in particular to the speakers: Here is a real bargain on offer.

<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/technik-motor/digital/hifi-von-wharfedale-und-leak-16985408.html>

LEAK STEREO 130



Jan, 2021 Diapason Magazine (FR)

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The feature covers the LEAK Stereo 130 with comments 'sweetness and expressiveness on all sources...' and how '...one is seduced by a fluid and almost silky side that evokes the best of analog reproduction before all digital.... The Stereo 130 is a strange, musical and seductive attractor.' The reviewer proclaims, in conclusion and encouragement "long live the retro style!"

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgqslBdmQ6zffFVDg8A?e=aDvhAE>

Dec, 2020 Hi-Fi World - Awards 2020 Best Amplifier



By combining great sound with all digital conveniences this amplifier easily cruises in to gain our recommendation as the best all-round amplifier package of 2020. In style, compact size and performance nothing comes close.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgpkAkhZroxmQhU0OnQ?e=ExuUmK>

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Dec, 2020 The Luxe Review (UK)

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<https://theluxereview.com/2020/11/27/jimi-hendrix-hi-fi-experience-london/>

Dec, 2020 Forbes.com



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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/marksparrow/2020/11/27/bang-olufsen-lowther-and-leak-join-forces-to-recreate-jimi-hendrixs-original-sound-system/?sh=13fcbb921ef8>

Nov, 2020 Steve Guttenberg Audiophiliac (USA)



The Stereo 130 is a pretty remarkable return... the Stereo 130 for looks, for the sounds, for what it stands for; this review was a pleasure!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UITiCVAdZx4&feature=youtu.be>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



The Leak Stereo 130 has a character that extends beyond its looks... it offers many strengths that will neatly complement any music you care to play through it. If we add up all of the Stereo 130's pluses which include a very good sounding DAC, an equally-well-sorted MM phono stage, eminently enjoyable Bluetooth connectivity and a headphone amplifier, all wrapped in a vintage-inspired aesthetic and at a price that won't obliterate the bank, the only question remaining is: what's not to like?

<https://darko.audio/2020/11/whats-not-to-like-leaks-stereo-130-integrated-cd-player/>

Nov, 2020 Just Audio (USA)



LEAK Stereo 130 VS Vintage Leak Stereo 30 Plus - How close is it to the original?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwAR0yhh1JUnMmfV8LK7ibobVA0lHenZYv17eUlsGeyGVl_mLD2mzNdLCeHU&v=OiZhjZZkvpU&app=desktop

Oct, 2020 BUG Magazine (Croatia) - Recommendation



Beautiful retro design, top quality workmanship, clean and detailed sound... The Leak Stereo 130 is great and highly recommended integrated stereo amplifier!

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWVNDUK2p3kL2-0ffl932m2_O?e=9tlnmO

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Oct, 2020 Recovering Audiophile (USA)



The Leak Stereo 130 is NOT your grandpas stereo! The Stereo 130 is an integrated amplifier that brings past eras into 2020, bringing with it modern sound with vintage style. The 130 is a great compact integrated amplifier. When paired with Leak CDT players, this combo will have you reconsider your vintage vs modern audio comparisons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugzgZBCnes4&feature=youtu.be>

Sep, 2020 Stereophile Magazine (UK)



Full rear cover presentation of Stereophile Magazine (USA) - one of the USA's biggest and world respected audio enthusiast publications, on the LEAK STEREO 130 and CDT. Offering grand exposure to the return of the brand.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/De9VWbZUQ2qS1BhjB1boD>

Sep, 2020 Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Outstanding Amongst The Best



Warm yet detailed sound from vinyl and digital sources with vintage style and modern features. Superb! The new Stereo 130 also comprehensively outperforms my old drab-sounding Stereo 30, which, with its aged electrical components, is becoming to me nothing more than a chic Sixties ornament... Had Leak not got these products spot-on, it would've been difficult to disguise my disappointment. I'm delighted with them. Welcome back Leak – you've been a long time coming.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSQ_rUcQ2qS1BhjA1boD

May, 2020 What Hi-Fi?



Quite simply, there is nothing the Leak can't happily turn its hand to. But for all its versatility, this is an amplifier that puts the music first. Whatever the source, its virtuosic performance is consistently engaging: foot-tappingly lively yet maturely refined, richly detailed and fluidly dynamic... Here, vintage aesthetic, contemporary features and state-of-the-art technical proficiency go hand in hand to herald a new and unique addition to the midrange amplifier market.

<https://www.whathifi.com/news/leak-is-back-and-the-stereo-130-amplifier-is-its-first-modern-retro-masterpiece>

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LEAK CDT



Jan, 2021 Steve Guttenberg
Audiophiliac (USA)



I think it's pretty cool... the LEAK's CD Transport is a very appealing piece of machine. First of all, I feel really solid... I think it's gorgeous... everything kind of works as it's intended, a straightforward machine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJqCNbYyNm4>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



As a CD Transport I found nothing to criticize with the [Leak CDT] and we cannot ignore the fact that if you like the look of the Leak Stereo 130, you'll love the look of these new Leak components sitting side-by-side.

<https://darko.audio/2020/11/whats-not-to-like-leaks-stereo-130-integrated-cdt-player/>

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A CD transport that can also play digital files from flash drive. Keenly priced, and easy to use.

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